GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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CLOSED GODOWNS IN BIHAR AND JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether godowns hired by Food Corporation of India in Bihar and in Jharkhand have been lying closed for the last one year;

(b) whether all these godowns are filled with foodgrains which are rotting;

(c) the amount of rent of these godowns paid during the last one year alongwith value of the grains stored in these godowns;

(d) whether the Government would make efforts to open and operate these godowns; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a): 7 hired godowns in Bihar and 2 hired godowns in Jharkhand Regions are lying closed with effect from 1.11.2001.

(b): These godowns having a total capacity of 31,493 MTs store 6453 MTs foodgrains which are not rotting at present.

(c): The amount of rent paid during the last one year is about Rs.15.28 lakhs. The value of the grains stored in these godowns is about Rs.3.57 Crores.

(d)&(e): Orders have already been issued in August, 2001 to deploy surplus FCI labourersto operate these godowns. However, efforts are being made to open and operate these godowns at the earliest.